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1. During October 1952, a trial general mobilization of the Pazardzhik Okoliya was effected. Approximately 35,000 persons were mobilized, and maneuvers were conducted for about 20 days. The troops met units from Sofia near Vakarel, and a sham battle took place between them.

2. The maneuvers were directed by Soviet officers. A Chinese general was also present.

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1. Comment: The above confirms the fact of a partial general mobilization previously reported, and also confirms a previous report that the maneuvers occurred at Vakarel.

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